under the aegis of the United Nations Development Programme and the Government of India has conducted 35 detailed audits in the manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, whether five audits each in transport and commercial sectors were conducted with a view to accelerating the pace of National Energy Management activities leading to increased efficiency of energy use; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Under the UNDP - Government of India Project of Energy Conservation Audits in Selected Areas, 35 detailed energy audits in manufacturing sector and 5 each in the transport and commercial sectors have been conducted. An analysis of 30 audit reports in manufacturing sector reveals an energy saving potential of 15% by implementing short term (operational and house-keeping) measures and minor retrofitting measures. The energy saving potential in the establishments audited in the transport and commercial sectors has been found to be 22.5% and 9% respectively.

Foreign Exchange Earning from Tourism

2059. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in foreign exchange earnings in 1991-92 from tourism as compared to the previous year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of tourists who visited India during the last quarter of 1991-92, till date?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSIMS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The foreign exchange earning from tourism during 1991-92 is expected to be about Rs. 3300 crores, registering an increase of about 35% over the previous year.

(c) The total foreign tourist arrivals during January and February 1992 were about 3,42,474.

Upper Indravati Power Projects in Orissa

2060. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the tragedy that took place recently at Upper Indravati Power Project in Orissa, the World Bank team visited the project site; and

(b) if so, the details of the observations and recommendations made by the World Bank team in order to complete the project in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The visit of the Supervision Mission of the World Bank was planned, prior to the mishap at Upper Indravati Project on 28th July, 1991, to take place from 23.8.1991 to 31.8.1991. After their visit to the project during August, 1991, the Supervision Mission of the World Bank requested the Government of Orissa to take action on the following matters:

(i) To submit a report on the implementation plan for cleaning and restoration of the affected works;

(ii) To furnish an assessment of engineering soundness of the project and each of its components, specially of the structures and works affected by the flood.

(iii) To submit the independent views of its panel of experts on the above reports.

(iv) To appoint project consultants for assistance in design & construction monitoring.

(v) To off-load the non-performing contracts.

Setting up of Steel Plants

2061. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided not to install new steel plant in public sector;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have hailed the decision of the Orissa and Karnataka Governments to set up steel plants in the joint sector and that of the Madhya Pradesh Government in the private sector; and

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have sought assistance form Japan or non-resident Indians for modernisation of the steel plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). In view of the limited availability of resources, Government propose to utilise such resources for the expansion and modernisation of existing steel plants in the public sector.

(c) The new industrial policy has removed "iron and steel" from the list of industries reserved for the public sector and also exempted it from the requirements of compulsory licensing. The Central Government's approval is therefor not required for the establishment of new steel plants in the private or joint sector outside the restricted areas. The Orissa and Karnataka State Governments propose to set up new steel plants in the joint sector for which the Central Government will provide whatever assistance is possible.

(d) SAIL has commissioned SBI Capital Market Limited to explore the possibility of private participation both from within India and overseas in IISCO modernisation and advice SAIL accordingly.

[*Translation*]

Decision to Postpone Expansion Scheme of Vayudoot Services

2062. SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether decision to postpone the expansion scheme of Vayudoot services or to reduce the same has been taken by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Sahrasa of Northern Bihar has also been included therein?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

P.C.Os. in Himachal Pradesh

2063. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of P.C.Os. in Himachal Pradesh installed so far and the new scheme of providing a P.C.O. in each Panchayat; and

(b) the number of Panchayats which are